

## 9 FAM 42.11 CLASSIFICATION SYMBOLS.

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A visa issued to an immigrant alien within one of the classes described below shall bear an appropriate visa symbol to show the classification of the alien.

### IMMIGRANTS

#### Immediate Relatives

Symbol	Class	Section of Law
IR1	Spouse of U.S. Citizen	201(b)
IR2	Child of U.S. Citizen	201(b)
IR3	Orphan Adopted Abroad by U.S. Citizen	201(b)
IR4	Orphan to be Adopted In the United States by U.S. Citizen	201(b)
IR5	Parent of U.S. Citizen at Least 21 Years of Age	201(b)
CR1	Spouse of U.S. Citizen (Conditional Status)	201(b) & 216(a)(1)
CR2	Child of U.S. Citizen (Conditional Status)	201(b) & 216
IW1	Certain Spouses of Deceased U.S. Citizens	201(b)
IW2	Child of IW1	201(b)
IB1	<i>Self-petition Spouse of U.S. Citizen</i>	<i>204(a)(1)(A)(iii)</i>
IB2	<i>Self-petition child of U.S. Citizen</i>	<i>204(a)(1)(A)(iv)</i>
IB3	<i>Child of IB1</i>	<i>204(a)(1)(A)(iii)</i>
VI5	Parent of U.S. Citizen Who Acquired Permanent Resident Status Under the Virgin Islands Nonimmigrant Alien Adjustment Act	201(b) & sec. 2 of the Virgin Islands Nonimmigrant Alien Adjustment Act (P.L. 97-271)

#### Vietnam Immigrants

Symbol	Class	Section of Law
AM1	Vietnam Amerasian Principal	584(b)(1)(A),
AM2	Spouse or Child of AM1	584(b)(1)(B), and

AM3	Natural Mother of Unmarried AM1 (and Spouse or Child of Such Mother), or Person Who has Acted in Effect as the Mother, Father, or Next-of-Kin of Unmarried AM1 (and Spouse or Child of Such Person)	584(b)(1)(C) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1988 (As contained in sec. 101(e) of P.L. 100-202) as amended)
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### Special Immigrants

Symbol	Class	Section of Law
SB1	Returning Resident	101(a)(27)(A)
SC1	Person Who Lost U.S. Citizenship by Marriage	101(a)(27)(B) & 324(a)
SC2	Person Who Lost U.S. Citizenship by Serving in Foreign Armed Forces	101(a)(27)(B) & 327

### FAMILY-SPONSORED PREFERENCES

#### Family 1st Preference

Symbol	Class	Section of Law
F11	Unmarried Son or Daughter of U.S. Citizen	203(a)(1)
F12	Child of F11	203(d)
B11	<i>Self-petition Unmarried Son or Daughter of U.S. Citizen</i>	204(a)(1)(A)(iv) & 203(a)(1)
B12	<i>Child of B11</i>	203(d)

#### Family 2nd Preference (Subject To Country Limitations)

Symbol	Class	Section of Law
F21	Spouse of Alien Resident	203(a)(2)(A)
F22	Child of Alien Resident	203(a)(2)(A)
F23	Child of F21 or F22	203(d)
F24	Unmarried Son or Daughter of Alien Resident	203(a)(2)(B)
F25	Child of F24	203(d)
C21	Spouse of Alien Resident (Conditional)	203(a)(2)(A) & 216
C22	Child of Alien Resident (Conditional)	202(a)(2)(A) & 216
C23	Child of C21 or C22 (Conditional)	203(d) & 216
C24	Unmarried Son or Daughter of Alien Resident (Conditional)	203(a)(2)(B) & 216

C25	Child of F24 (Conditional)	203(d) & 216
B21	<i>Self-petition Spouse of Lawful Permanent Resident</i>	204(a)(1)(B)(ii)
B22	<i>Self-petition Child of Lawful Permanent Resident</i>	204(a)(1)(B)(iii)
B23	<i>Child of B21 or B22</i>	204(a)(1)(B)(ii)
B24	<i>Self-petition Unmarried Son or Daughter of Lawful Permanent Resident</i>	204(a)(1)(B)(iii)
B25	<i>Child of B24</i>	203(d)

### **Family 2nd Preference (Exempt From Country Limitations)**

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Section of Law</b>
FX1	Spouse of Alien Resident	202(a)(4)(A) & 203(a)(2)(A)
FX2	Child of Alien Resident	202(a)(4)(A) & 203(a)(2)(A)
FX3	Child of FX1 and FX2	202 (a)(4)(A) & 203(d)
CX1	Spouse of Alien Resident (Conditional)	202(a)(4)(A), 203(a)(2)(A) & 216
CX2	Child of Alien Resident (Conditional)	202(a)(4)(A), 203(a)(2)(A) & 216
CX3	Child of CX1 & CX2 (Conditional)	202(a)(4)(A) & 203(d) & 216
BX1	<i>Self-petition Spouse of Lawful Permanent Resident</i>	204(a)(1)(B)(ii)
BX2	<i>Self-petition Child of Lawful Permanent Resident</i>	204(a)(1)(B)(iii)
BX3	<i>Child of BX1 or BX2</i>	203(d)

### **Family 3rd Preference**

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Section of Law</b>
F31	Married Son or Daughter of U.S. Citizen	203(a)(3)
F32	Spouse of F31	203(d)
F33	Child of F31	203(d)
C31	Married Son or Daughter of U.S. Citizen (Conditional)	203(a)(3) & 216
C32	Spouse of C31 (Conditional)	203(d) & 216
C33	Child of C31 (Conditional)	203(d) & 216
B31	<i>Self-petition Married Son or Daughter of U.S. Citizen</i>	204(a)(1)(A)(iv) & 203(a)(3)
B32	<i>Spouse of B31</i>	203(d)
B33	<i>Child of B31</i>	203(d)

### **Family 4th Preference**

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Section of Law</b>
F41	Brother or Sister of U.S. Citizen	203(a)(4)
F42	Spouse of F41	203(d)
F43	Child of F41	203(d)

### **EMPLOYMENT-BASED PREFERENCES**

#### **Employment 1st Preference (Priority Workers)**

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Section of Law</b>
E11	Alien with Extraordinary Ability	203(b)(1)(A)
E12	Outstanding Professor or Researcher	203(b)(1)(B)
E13	Multinational Executive or Manager	203(b)(1)(C)
E14	Spouse of E11, E12, or E13	203(d)
E15	Child of E11, E12, or E13	203(d)

#### **Employment 2nd Preference (Professionals Holding Advanced Degrees or Persons of Exceptional Ability)**

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Section of Law</b>
E21	Professional Holding Advanced Degree or of Exceptional Ability	203(b)(2)
E22	Spouse of E21	203(d)
E23	Child of E21	203(d)
ES1	Soviet Scientist (Principal) Qualified for Status Under Pub. L. 102-509	203(b)(2) and sec. 4 of the Soviet Scientists Immigration Act

#### **Employment 3rd Preference (Skilled Workers, Professionals, and Other Workers)**

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Section of Law</b>
E31	Skilled Worker	203(b)(3)(A)(i)
E32	Professional Holding Baccalaureate Degree	203(b)(3)(A)(ii)
E34	Spouse of E31 or E32	203(d)
E35	Child of E31 or E32	203(d)
EW3	Other Worker (Subgroup Numerical Limit)	203(b)(3)(A)(iii)
EW4	Spouse of EW3	203(d)

EW5

Child of EW3

203(d)

**Employment 4th Preference (Certain Special Immigrants)**

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Section of Law</b>
SD1	Minister of Religion	101(a)(27)(C) & 203(b)(4)
SD2	Spouse of SD1	101(a)(27)(C) & 203(b)(4)
SD3	Child of SD1	101(a)(27)(C) & 203(b)(4)
SE1	Certain Employees or Former Employees of the U.S. Government Abroad	101(a)(27)(D)
SE2	Spouse of SE1	101(a)(27)(D)
SE3	Child of SE1	101(a)(27)(D)
SEH	Employee of the U.S. Mission in Hong Kong or Immediate Family	101(a)(27)(D) & Section 152 of the Immigration Act of 1990
SF1	Certain Former Employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government	101(a)(27)(E)
SF2	Spouse or Child of SF1	101(a)(27)(E)
SG1	Certain Former Employees of the U.S. Government in the Panama Canal Zone	101(a)(27)(F)
SG2	Spouse or Child of SG1	101(a)(27)(F)
SH1	Certain Former Employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government on April 1, 1979	101(a)(27)(G)
SH2	Spouse or Child of SH1	101(a)(27)(G)
SJ1	Certain Foreign Medical Graduates (Adjustments Only)	101(a)(27)(H)
SJ2	Accompanying Spouse or Child of SJ1	101(a)(27)(H)
SK1	Certain Retired International Organization Employees	101(a)(27)(I)(iii)
SK2	Spouse of SK1	101(a)(27)(I)(iv)
SK3	Certain Unmarried Son or Daughter of International Organization Employee	101(a)(27)(I)(i)
SK4	Certain Surviving Spouses of Deceased International Organization Employee	101(a)(27)(I)(ii)
SL1	Juvenile Court Dependent	101(a)(27)(J)

SM1	Alien Recruited Outside the United States Who Has Served or is Enlisted to Serve in the U.S. Armed Forces for 12 Years (Became Eligible After the Date of Enactment)	101(a)(27)(K)
SM2	Spouse of SM1	101(a)(27)(K)
SM3	Child of SM1	101(a)(27)(K)
SM4	Alien Recruited Outside the United States Who Has Served or is Enlisted to Serve in the U.S. Armed Forces for 12 Years (Became Eligible As of the Date of Enactment)	101(a)(27)(K)
SM5	Spouse or Child of SM4	101(a)(27)(K)
SR1	Certain Religious Workers	101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(II)&(III)
SR2	Spouse of SR1	101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(II)&(III)
SR3	Child of SR1	101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(II)&(III)

### **Employment 5th Preference (Employment Creation) (Conditional Status)**

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Section of Law</b>
C51	Employment Creation <u>OUTSIDE</u> Targeted Area	203(b)(5)(A)
C52	Spouse of C51	203(d)
C53	Child of C51	203(d)
T51	Employment Creation <u>IN</u> Targeted Rural/ High Unemployment Area	203(b)(5)(B)
T52	Spouse of T51	203(d)
T53	Child of T51	203(d)
R51	Investor Pilot Program, Not in Targeted Area	203(b)(5) & Sec. 610 of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (P.L. 102-395)
R52	Spouse of R51	
R53	Child of R51	
I51	Investor Pilot Program, Targeted Area	
I52	Spouse of I51	
I53	Child of I51	

**OTHER NUMERICALLY LIMITED CATEGORIES**  
**Diversity Immigrants (Beginning in FY 1995)**

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Section of Law</b>
DV1	Diversity Immigrant	Section 203(c)
DV2	Spouse of DV1	Section 203(c)
DV3	Child of DV1	Section 203(c)

**Transition for Employees of Certain U.S. Businesses in Hong Kong**  
**(Fiscal Years 1991-1993)\***

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Section of Law</b>
HK1	Employee of U.S. Business in Hong Kong	Section 124 of the Immigration Act of 1990
HK2	Spouse of HK1	Section 124 of the Immigration Act of 1990
HK3	Child of HK1	Section 124 of the Immigration Act of 1990

\* Although these visas *are* no longer being issued, some HK visas remain valid through January 1, 2002

**Diversity Transition for Natives of Certain Adversely Affect Foreign**  
**States**  
**(Fiscal Years 1992-1995)**

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Section of Law</b>
AA1	Diversity Transition Immigrant	Section 132 of the Immigration Act of 1990
AA2	Spouse of AA1	Section 132 of the Immigration Act of 1990
AA3	Child of AA1	Section 132 of the Immigration Act of 1990